

# FRENCH CULTURE CONTEST 2012

## FAMOUS PEOPLE

1	who is France's most famous ecologist	Jacques-Yves Cousteau	
2	why were the first hot air balloons know as <i>montgolfières</i>	after the inventors, the Montgolfier brothers	
4	when was the first female prime minister, Edith Cresson, appointed	1991	
5	whose work on radioactivity was the first step toward radiation treatment for cancer	Marie Curie's work	
6	what structure was built in Paris in 1889 by Alexandre Gustave Eiffel	Eiffel Tower	
7	what did Gustave Eiffel build before he built the Eiffel Tower	bridges, specifically the Bordeaux Bridge	
8	what great American landmark did Gustave Eiffel help design and build	Statue of Liberty	
9	who was the first French explorer of North America	Jacques Cartier	
10	on which French city did the world focus when Diana, Princess of Wales died in 1997	Paris	
11	which French President was responsible for the construction of the Louvre Pyramid, the Great Arch at La Défense and the Bastille Opera	François Mitterrand	
12	who launched the first hot air balloon in 1783	brothers Jacques-Eugène and Joseph-Michel Montgolfier	
13	How long did it take Baron Georges Haussmann to transform the city of Paris	20 yrs	
14	what did the brothers Louis and Auguste Lumière invent	movie camera and projector	
15	who was the first great writer in France	François Rabelais	
16	which French writer wrote the Three Musketeers- <i>Les Trois mousquetaires</i>	Alexandre Dumas ( <i>père</i> )	
17	who is responsible for the invention of the cinema in the late 19th century	the Lumière brothers - Louis and Auguste	
18	which three French clothing designers first influenced the fashion trends	Coco Chanel, Yves Saint-Laurent, Christian Dior	
19	who were the two most prominent scientists in early 20th century France	Marie Curie and Louis Pasteur	
20	who was the first woman to be appointed professor at the Sorbonne	Marie Curie	
21	what was Louis Pasteur's most important vaccine	rabies vaccine	
22	what did André-Jacques Garnerin create 200 yrs ago	parachute	
23	what did René Laennec create in 1816	stethoscope	
24	what did Louis Braille create in 1824	Braille script to help the blind read	
25	how long ago did the two Frenchmen Joseph Nicéphore Niépce and Louis Daguerre invent photography	about 150 yrs ago	

26	what type of equipment did Emile Gagnon and Jacques Cousteau invent in 1942	scuba gear	
27	who composed the national anthem of France	Claude Joseph Rouget de Lisle	
28	who stayed at the Palace of Fontainebleau	Napoleon	
29	which American was known as the music-hall queen of Paris in 1920s	Josephine Baker	
30	what is the name of the dog in the comic strip Astérix	Idéfix	
31	who invented the process of pasteurization	Louis Pasteur	
32	during what century was Le Corbusier a famous architect	20th century	
33	who was Louis Renault	founder of Renault automobiles	
34	what kind of animal is Babar	elephant	
35	who is Astérix	cartoon character	
36	who was Jacques Cartier	French explorer	
37	how did Saint-Exupéry die	he disappeared on a mission during World War II	
38	what did Robert de Sorbon found	<i>La Sorbonne</i> university of Paris	
39	what was the nationality of the painter of the Mona Lisa	Italian	
40	who painted Guernica	Pablo Picasso	
41	the Man in the Iron Mask was the supposed twin brother of which French king	Louis XIV	
42	who won the Nobel Prize for physics in 1903	Marie and Pierre Curie	
43	what was Grace Kelly's profession before she married Prince Rainier de Monaco	American film star	
44	whose mistress was the Marquise de Pompadour	Louis XV	
45	where did <i>la Goulue</i> dance	<i>Moulin Rouge</i>	
46	which artist cut off his ear	Vincent Van Gogh	
47	why is Sainte Hélène associated with Napoleon	that is where he died	
48	what was the occupation of Brigitte Bardot	film star	
49	who married Louis XIII	Anne d'Autriche	
50	where did Vincent Van Gogh settle in the late 19th century because he found inspiration for his paintings there	Arles, France	
51	what other painter did Van Gogh invite to share his studio in the South of France	Paul Gauguin	
52	what was the profession of Debussy	composer	
53	what was the stage name of Jean-Baptiste Poquelin	Molière	
54	what French sculptor dominated the 19th century	Auguste Rodin	
55	which artist painted scenes from the <i>Moulin Rouge</i>	Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec	
56	who sculpted <i>Le Penseur</i>	Auguste Rodin	
57	what opera did Georges Bizet write that is considered his masterpiece	<i>Carmen</i>	
58	with which school of literature is Victor Hugo often associated	Romanticism	
59	who wrote Gargantua and Pantagruel	François Rabelais	
60	during which century did Albert Camus write	20th century	

61	who wrote the absurdist plays <i>Rhinoceros</i> and <i>La cantatrice chauve</i> (the bald soprano)	Eugene Ionesco	
62	what did Paul Verlaine write	poetry	
63	who wrote <i>Candide</i>	Voltaire	
64	what was the profession of Jean Renoir	film director	
65	who composed <i>Boléro</i>	Maurice Ravel	
66	who is considered the greatest writer of fables in France	Jean de la Fontaine	
67	who was Molière	17th century playwright	
68	who wrote <i>Tartuffe</i>	Molière	
69	who wrote <i>Les Misérables</i>	Victor Hugo	
70	who wrote <i>Le Petit Prince</i>	Antoine de Saint-Exupéry	
71	of what school of philosophy was Jean-Paul Sartre a major representative	<i>l'existentialisme</i>	
72	when did Joan of Arc become Saint Joan	1920	
73	how old was Joan of Arc when she was killed in May 1431	19	
74	why was Marie Antoinette disliked by the French	for not understanding the people and frivolously spending money	
75	when was Marie Antoinette executed by guillotine	1793	
76	Marie Antoinette was not French. What nationality was she	Austrian	
77	what building is named after Georges Pompidou	<i>Le centre Georges Pompidou (Beaubourg)</i>	
78	who said " <i>L'État, c'est moi</i> " (I am the state)	Louis XIV	
79	who is Zinedine Zidane	soccer player of Algerian origin who brought the World Cup to the French in 1998	
80	what very famous writer was born in Nantes	Jules Verne	

## FRENCH HISTORY

1	At what age did Louis XIV begin running France	5 yrs old	
2	When were the boundaries of modern France established	1500	
3	Protestantism came to France during the 1500s. Those who converted were called...	Huguenots	
4	On June 12, 1940, Paris surrendered to what country to save itself from destruction	Germany	
5	By 1942 who had taken control over the entire country of France	Germans	
6	During World War II, what percentage of France's factories, machinery and transportation systems were lost	80%	
7	Where did Paris get its name from	a Gallic tribe, Parisii	
8	What was the Roman (Latin) name for Paris	Lutetia	
9	What caused the French Revolution of 1789	high taxes and starvation	
10	What was the country of France named before Roman times	Gaul	
11	Prior to the Roman invasion, what was the language of the French	Celtic	
12	When did the country, Gaul get renamed France	1481	
13	What were the series of wars between the French and English that began in 1337	Hundred Years War	
14	What event is considered the start of the French Revolution	storming of the Bastille	
15	France's North American Colony, Louisiana, was sold to the US. What was the sale called	Louisiana Purchase	
16	How many French soldiers died in World War I	2 million	
17	Who entered WWI in 1917 to help France defeat Germany	US	
18	Who did France join in declaring war on Germany, which began WWII	Britain	
19	Who invaded and occupied the northern and western parts of France in 1940	Germany	
20	Who led the underground resistance movement for those opposed to the Nazi takeover in France	General Charles de Gaulle	
21	A new phenomenon called cohabitation appeared in French politics in the 1980's and 1990's. What does it mean	The President and Prime Minister belong to different political parties	
22	Who brought order back to France	Napoleon Bonaparte	
23	Who crowned himself emperor in 1804	Napoleon Bonaparte	
24	How long is the presidential term in France	5 yrs	
25	What happened to Charles VII on July 17, 1429	he was crowned King of France	
26	Why was Joan of Arc burned at the stake on May 30, 1431	she was accused of being a witch	
27	Which king of France was known as the Sun King	Louis XIV	
28	Which state was a French territory until sold to the US in 1803	Louisiana	
29	When was the Statue of Liberty shipped from France to NY	1885	
30	For which occasion was the Eiffel Tower built	1889 World's Fair	
31	During which period were <i>les châteaux de la Loire</i> built	Renaissance	
32	Where was the first biscuit factory	Nantes	
33	Where is Napoleon's body today	<i>Hôtel des Invalides</i>	
34	Where was the final defeat of Napoleon	Waterloo	

35	What happened in Paris in May 1968	student riots	
36	What was the symbol of François I	the salamander	
37	Who was the first national hero of France	Vercingétorix	
38	Which museum was originated by Louis XIV	<i>le Louvre</i>	
39	During which century did the Renaissance take place	16th century	
40	Who married Josephine Beauharnais	Napoleon Bonaparte	
41	Where was Maximilian sent by Napoleon III	Mexico	
42	Who was the great king of the 16th century	François I	
43	Which king built <i>le château de Chambord</i>	François I	
44	How old was Marie Antoinette when she married Louis XVI	14	
45	What was the profession of the man who invented Champagne	monk	
46	During which century did Louis XIV reign	17th	
47	Who succeeded Charles de Gaulle as President	Georges Pompidou	
48	Who was the cardinal who served as regent for Louis XIII	Richelieu	
49	On what day did the Storming of the Bastille prison occur	July 14, 1789	
50	What did <i>l'Édit de Nantes</i> declare on April 13, 1598	religious freedom	
51	Which Republic is France under today	5th Republic	
52	Who was imprisoned at the <i>Conciergerie</i>	Marie Antoinette and Louis XVI	
53	What is the nickname of the French flag	<i>le tricolore</i>	
54	Who was made emperor in 800 AD	Charlemagne	
55	What war leader was chief of the French army at age 26	Napoleon Bonaparte	
56	Who led the Romans into France in 52BC	Julius Caesar	
57	What is the French national anthem	<i>la Marseillaise</i>	
58	Who had Versailles built to its present day splendor	Louis XIV	
59	What was la Bastille	prison	
60	Who ruled France when the metric system was established	Napoleon Bonaparte	
61	Where was Napoleon Bonaparte born	Corsica ( <i>la Corse</i> )	
62	What is the French national motto that came as a result of the Revolution	<i>liberté, égalité, fraternité</i>	
63	Which family had the <i>fleur de lis</i> as a symbol	Bourbons	
64	Which came first, the Renaissance or the Classical period	Renaissance	
65	What famous conquest is depicted in the famous Bayeux tapestry	William the Conqueror invading England in 1066	
66	What is the difference between <i>un château fort</i> and <i>un château</i>	<i>château fort</i> - defense, <i>château</i> - beautiful residence	
67	When did the allies land in Normandy	June 6th, 1944	
68	What was the original purpose of <i>le Louvre</i>	palace of the kings of France	
69	Who signed an armistice with Hitler that divided France into 2 parts	<i>le maréchal Pétain</i>	
70	Who led the armies of the French King Charles VII to victories against the English	Joan of Arc	
71	Who was the queen of France at the time of the Revolution	Marie Antoinette	
72	When did Algeria gain its independence from France	1962	
73	What were the French colonizers in Algeria called	<i>pied-noir</i>	missing
74	When was the French defeat at Dienbienphu	May, 1954	
75	Who was the first president of the 5th republic	Charles de Gaulle	
76	Who succeeded Pompidou as president	Valéry Giscard d'Estaing	
77	When was a bill approved giving Corsica limited autonomy	2001	

78	What is <i>le Front National</i>	right wing, anti-immigration party	
79	Who has been the leader of <i>le Front National</i> since 1972	Jean-Marie Le Pen	
80	What is <i>le Code Napoléon</i>	the first modern legal code of France	
81	When was Jacques Chirac elected president	1995	
82	When did France end nuclear testing	1996	
83	What did France lose in the Franco-German war of 1870-1871	Alsace and Lorraine	
84	What did France get back at the end of World War I	Alsace and Lorraine	
85	What coalition group won the elections in 1936	<i>le Front Populaire</i>	
86	What did the Popular Front governments enact	Important social and labor reforms	
87	Who was the head of the Vichy government	le Maréchal Pétain	
88	What helped rebuild France at the end of World War II	The Marshall Plan (US)	

## FOOD & DRINK

1	How many different types of cheese does France produce	about 400	
2	What type of cooking is called <i>haute cuisine</i>	gourmet cooking	
3	What type of cooking is called <i>provincial</i>	traditional, local cooking	
4	A movement in the 1970s featuring simpler foods, smaller portions and natural flavors called	<i>nouvelle cuisine</i>	
5	Which meal of the day is considered the main meal	lunch	
6	What is the French term for the meal that is celebrated on Christmas Eve, Dec 24th	<i>le réveillon de Noël</i>	
7	what is <i>une bûche de Noël</i>	rich chocolate cake with vanilla or coffee icing in the shape of a log	
8	what cheese is known as the oldest in France	<i>Livarot</i>	
9	What type of mushrooms are grown underground and are the size of golf balls	truffles	
10	When would one eat a <i>goûter</i>	in the afternoon ( <i>un goûter</i> = afternoon snack for children)	
11	Name two delicacies of France	frog legs ( <i>les cuisses de grenouille</i> ) and snails ( <i>les escargots</i> ) Also goose liver pâté ( <i>pâté de foie gras</i> )	
12	What is <i>pâté</i>	a paste of ground meat, fish and/or liver	
13	What is a popular fish stew that is served as a soup in the south of France	<i>la bouillabaisse</i>	
14	What is <i>fondue savoyarde</i>	chunks of French bread that are dipped in hot, melted cheese	
15	What do you call a meal where guests cook chunks of prime beef in hot oil at the table	<i>fondue bourguignonne</i>	
16	What is <i>boudin noir</i> (black pudding) made with	pig's blood	
17	Cooking in France is considered a form of	art	
18	What is the French name for home cooking	<i>cuisine bourgeoise</i>	
19	At dinner time, what do French families do at the table	gather together and share events from their day	
20	What do the French buy almost daily at the bakery	<i>croissants</i> and <i>baguettes</i>	
21	What time is the main meal served in France	noon	
22	After a fancy dinner, what is the evening topped off with	strong black coffee	
23	Which American trend has made its way to France and the French are very disapproving of it	fast food chains	
24	What are <i>crêpes Suzette</i>	orange-flavored, sweet, thin pancakes	
25	What is Brittany known for	seafood (fish, lobster) and <i>crêpes</i>	
26	Who developed the champagne making method	dom Perignon	
27	What is a famous French beef stew	<i>bœuf bourguignon</i>	

28	Which ingredient is essential in <i>Provençal</i> cooking	garlic	
29	what kind of animal is used to snuffle out wild mushrooms and truffles	pig	
30	Who brought high cooking into France in 1600	Italian princess, <i>Marie de Médicis</i>	
31	What is the French term for bakery	<i>boulangerie</i>	
32	what time do the French usually eat dinner	between 7:00 and 9:30pm	
33	What types of food is Normandy famous for	cheese, butter and apple brandy (Calvados)	
34	What is the French delicacy <i>foie gras</i>	fattened liver of duck or goose	
35	What country does more exporting of food than France	US	
36	How much mustard does each person in France use per year	2 lbs per person - a total of 60,000 tons	
37	What is <i>un potage</i>	soup	
38	On what kind of bottle would you find the word <i>brut</i>	<i>une bouteille de champagne</i>	
39	on what would you put <i>une vinaigrette</i>	<i>une salade</i>	
40	What are <i>crudités</i>	raw, fresh vegetables	
41	What is <i>le Camembert</i>	A type of soft cheese	
42	What is <i>la Chartreuse</i>	liquor	
43	What are <i>des fruits de mer</i>	seafood	
44	What is <i>une crêperie</i>	a place where they make and sell <i>crêpes</i>	
45	What is <i>la viande chevaline</i>	horsemeat	
46	when do you drink <i>un apéritif</i>	before lunch or dinner	
47	Is the wine <i>le Muscadet</i> red or white	white	
48	what flavor is the liquor <i>Cointreau</i>	orange	
49	What is <i>la gastronomie</i>	the art of preparing good food	
50	When do you eat <i>une galette des rois</i>	January 6 <sup>th</sup> (Epiphany)	
51	What is the main ingredient in <i>pâté de foie gras</i>	goose liver	
52	what is <i>un mille-feuilles</i>	a flaky pastry	
53	What wine is used in <i>bœuf bourguignon</i> . Red or white	red	
54	What does <i>une baguette</i> mean besides a loaf of bread	a stick	
55	What is <i>une religieuse</i>	a pastry - also means a nun	
56	what is <i>un croque-monsieur</i>	a toasted ham and cheese sandwich	
57	what are <i>marrons glacés</i>	candied chestnuts	
58	What is Orangina	an orange soft drink	
59	What is Calvados	apple liquor	
60	What is the flavor of <i>un macaron</i>	almond or coconut	
61	What is <i>un beignet</i>	a fried pastry	
62	What nut is sold hot on the streets of Paris in winter	chestnuts	
63	What is <i>une bûche de Noël</i>	a Christmas cake shaped like a log	
64	What kind of fruits are grown in Corsica	citrus	
65	What do some people do before putting the lettuce in a salad bowl	rub the bowl with garlic	
66	What is sold in <i>une charcuterie</i>	processed meats and sandwiches	
67	At which celebrations do you give <i>dragées</i>	christenings and weddings	
68	What is a <i>dragée</i>	a sugared almond	
69	What is in <i>café au lait</i>	hot milk and coffee	



70	What are the main ingredients of <i>une choucroute garnie</i>	sauerkraut, meat and potatoes	
71	In which regions is beer really popular	Alsace and Lorraine	
72	what is hidden in <i>une galette des Rois</i>	a bean or a small porcelain figurine	
73	What fruit is used in <i>Kirsch</i>	cherries	
74	what is <i>une madeleine</i>	a cookie	
75	What is <i>un petit beurre</i>	a cookie	
76	What is <i>une langue de chat</i>	a cookie	
77	What is <i>un ragoût</i>	a stew	
78	What has 4 legs, 2 long ears and tastes delicious in a stew	<i>un lapin</i> (a rabbit)	
79	What is <i>une cervelle de veau</i>	yes, some French people eat it : a veal brain	
80	what is <i>une langue de veau</i>	a veal tongue	
81	what is <i>magret de canard</i>	fillet of duck breast	
82	what is <i>une coquille Saint-Jacques</i>	a scallop (type of seafood)	
83	what are <i>moules marinières</i>	mussels steamed open in wine and seasonings	
84	what is the main ingredient of <i>bouillabaisse</i>	fish	
85	what is <i>un homard</i>	a lobster	
86	what are <i>des œufs sur le plat</i>	fried eggs	
87	what is <i>une douzaine d'huîtres</i>	a dozen oysters	
88	how do you most often eat oysters in France	raw, on the half shell with a splash of lemon	
89	at what meal are eggs eaten	lunch or dinner, almost never at breakfast	
90	what is the <i>plateau de fromages</i>	a platter with a selection of cheeses	
91	can a <i>pâté</i> be made with rabbit	of course	
92	what does <i>tomates farcies</i> mean	stuffed tomatoes	
93	couscous is a popular dish in France. Where did it come from	North Africa	
94	where did <i>le croissant</i> originate	Vienna, to celebrate the end of the siege of the city by the Turks	
95	what are <i>des tripes à la mode de Caen</i>	tripe cooked very slowly in sauce - up to 24 hours	

	<b>SPORTS &amp; ARTS</b>		
1	the visual arts flourished in the mid-19th century. What were the three schools	Romanticism, Realism, and Impressionism	
2	the cathedral of Chartres is an example of which type of art	Gothic art	
3	the Palace of Versailles is a monument to art of which period	the Baroque period	
4	where did the first ever, public film screening take place in 1895	Paris	
5	what do painters from the romantic period appeal to	emotions and imaginations	
6	who was the musician who collaborated with Molière	Jean-Baptiste Lully	
7	when did <i>le can-can</i> enjoy popularity	1890s	
8	which art movement do the painters Edgar Degas, Claude Monet, and Pierre-Auguste Renoir belong to	Impressionism	
9	who was Louis Lumière	the name of the man who invented moving pictures	
10	who won the <i>Tour de France</i> a record 7 times 1999-2005	the American, Lance Armstrong	
11	how many paintings does the Louvre hold	about 300,000	
12	in which month is the <i>Tour de France</i> held	July	
13	when was the first men's <i>Tour de France</i> held	1903	
14	when was the first women's <i>Tour de France</i> held	1984	
15	how much do sponsors pay to participate in the <i>Tour de France</i>	about \$7,500	
16	When did the first real school of French painting emerge	during the Baroque Period 16th to 18th century	
17	what type of painting is Cubism	painting with geometric shapes	
18	which musicians were prominent the early 19th century	Hector Berlioz and Frédéric Chopin	
19	when did the Cannes Film Festival begin	1946	
20	when did gothic architecture originate in France	the 12th century	
21	how long did the construction of the Cathedral of <i>Notre Dame</i> in Paris take	almost 200 yrs	
22	what is the most popular sport in France	soccer	
23	what is the French term for soccer	<i>le football</i> or <i>le foot</i>	
24	when did France play host to the World Cup for soccer	1998	
25	What are the Auteuil, Longchamps, Chantilly and St. Cloud in Paris	racetracks	
26	where do Parisians participate in skiing and other winter sports	the Alps and the Pyrenees	
27	who did France beat in the 1998 World Cup to win it for the first time in the history of the competition	Brazil	
28	what type of sports do many of the French prefer	individual sports - such as tennis, cycling and sailing	
29	what are the two most popular French sporting events in summer	<i>Roland Garros</i> Tennis Tournament and the cycling <i>Tour de France</i>	

30	who is Guignol	a famous French puppet	
31	what was the profession of Toulouse-Lautrec	painter	
32	What kind of art is found at the <i>Jeu de Paume</i>	Impressionism	
33	how long does the car race at Le Mans last	24 hrs ( <i>les 24 heures du Mans</i> )	
34	what would you do at <i>la Comédie Française</i>	watch a play	
35	who is Quasimodo	the hunchback in The Hunchback of Notre Dame	
36	what is the profession of Catherine Deneuve	actress	
37	what kind of composer was Debussy	impressionist	
38	which of Ernest Hemingway's books portray life in Paris between the two world wars	A Moveable Feast	
39	which came first, Romanesque or Gothic architecture	Romanesque	
40	what is more ornate Gothic or Romanesque architecture	Gothic art	
41	what is the <i>Tour de France</i>	a bicycle race	
42	what would you do at a <i>patinoire</i>	Ice skate	
43	We call it football, the French call it...	<i>le football américain</i>	
44	we call it baseball, the French call it...	<i>le baseball</i>	
45	what is Mona Lisa called in French	<i>La Joconde</i>	
46	what is <i>le cochonnet</i> in the game of <i>boules</i>	the little ball the player tries to get closest to	
47	when was Impressionism at its height as a style	late 1800s	
48	what did Monet, Manet, and Auguste Renoir have in common	they were all Impressionist painters	
49	in what year did France win the Soccer World Cup for the first time	1998	
50	what do you call a stage of the <i>Tour de France</i> in French	<i>une étape</i>	
51	when did the <i>Tour de France</i> not occur during its history	during WWI and WWII	
52	what French actor, popular in the US, has starred in such movies as <i>Green Card</i> (1990) and <i>Christopher Columbus</i> (1992)	Gérard Depardieu	
53	what city was the center of international art in the 20th century until after World War II	Paris	
54	who are the two most famous Cubist Artists	Braque and Picasso	
55	who was the leading man in the 1990 film <i>Cyrano de Bergerac</i>	Gérard Depardieu	
56	what is break-dancing called in France	<i>le smurf</i>	
57	what are <i>MC Solaar</i> , <i>Assassins</i> and <i>NTM</i>	French rap groups	
58	where does the festival of the American film take place	in Deauville	
59	what is <i>un clip</i>	a music video	
60	what world famous theatre festival was founded in Provence in 1947	<i>Le festival d'Avignon</i>	
61	what music festival is Aix-en-Provence famous for	the Opera festival	
62	where is <i>le Musée Picasso</i>	in Paris	
63	what Museum in Paris is housed in an old train station	<i>Musée d'Orsay</i>	
64	what is the <i>Musée d'Orsay</i>	art museum including decorative arts from 1848 to 1914	
65	what is the Pompidou Center	modern and contemporary art of the Western World	

## GEOGRAPHY

1	what industry produces most of France's electricity	the nuclear power industry	
2	where is the Center for French Space Programs	Toulouse	
3	what types of industry are most prominent in Toulouse, France	space, electronics and computer software	
4	where is France's spacecraft launched	Kourou (French Guyana)	
5	what is the name of the long beach in Southern France	French Riviera	
6	what are Europe's tallest mountains bordering France and Italy	the Alps	
7	which French city has been the center of perfume production for centuries	Grasse	
8	what is the largest country of Western Europe	France	
9	Evian, Badoit and Vichy are French cities famous for what	mineral water	
10	how tall is Mont Blanc, the tallest mountain in Europe	15,771 feet/4805 meters	
11	what shape do the 20 major highways leading in and out of Paris form	a star	
12	what is the largest city in France	Paris	
13	in western Europe, what is France the largest producer of	beef, veal, poultry and cheese	
14	what countries border France to the East	Germany, Switzerland and Italy	
15	what borders France to the south	the Mediterranean Sea and Spain	
16	what is the highest point in France	Mont Blanc	
17	what are the four major rivers in France	the Seine, the Garonne, the Rhône, and the Loire	
18	what fragrant purple flower is grown for the perfume industry in the south of France	lavender	
19	what is the total population of France	About 63 million people	
20	what city has the biggest carnival in France every year	Nice	
21	how many people live in metropolitan Paris	over 9 million	
22	the university of Paris in the Latin Quarter on the left bank of the Seine is called...	<i>la Sorbonne</i>	
23	when was the Sorbonne founded	the 13th century	

24	what is found on the north side of the Seine River, called the right bank	business section with offices, shopping and small factories	
25	what is one of the largest crops in France	wheat	
26	Olives grow in southern France during which season of the year	summer	
27	what type of land is more prevalent in France than in any other country in Western Europe	farmland	
28	how tall is the Eiffel Tower	1000 feet/300 meters	
29	what is the longest river in France	the Loire, 634 miles/1020 kilometers	
30	what percentage of France's total area is covered by woods and forests	26 percent	
31	what is a significant mineral of France	iron ore	
32	what is France's most important national resource	fertile soil	
33	what are the main crops in France	wheat, corn, sugar beets and grapes	
34	what other countries still use French as their official language	former colonies in Africa	
35	what type of land transportation links France and England	a railway known as the Channel Tunnel or Chunnel	
36	which river is known as the transportation corridor	the Loire at 626 miles	
37	What do the French call the English Channel	<i>la Manche</i> "the sleeve"	
38	how many rooms are in the Palace of Fontainebleau	more than a thousand	
39	how many departments are there in mainland France	95	
40	what is <i>la Côte d'Azur</i>	French Riviera	
41	from where does most of France's olive oil come from	<i>Provence</i>	
42	in which department would you find truffles	<i>le Périgord</i>	
43	for what is Limoges famous	porcelain	
44	for what is Grasse famous	perfume	
45	where is Biarritz	on the southwest coast of France	
46	where is <i>le pays basque</i>	on the French and Spanish sides of the Western Pyrenees	
47	where were the kings of France crowned for hundreds of years	the cathedral in Reims	
48	where is Carcassonne	Southern France	
49	what is now found at <i>La place de la Concorde</i>	an Egyptian Obelisk	
50	what is Chartres famous for	the cathedral	
51	what is <i>le Jura</i>	a mountain range	
52	where was a papal palace built in France	Avignon	
53	where is Nice	Southern France, on the Côte d'Azur	
54	what regions are famous for their butter	Normandy and Brittany	
55	What mountain range is in central France	<i>le massif central</i>	
56	Where is Orly	near Paris	
57	Where is <i>le Quartier latin</i> - right or left bank	left	
58	where is <i>le grand Trianon</i>	Versailles	
59	as the US is divided into states, France is divided into...	<i>départements</i>	

60	what is the approximate geometrical shape of France	a hexagon	
61	where is the hall of mirrors	Versailles	
62	Near which large city is Versailles located	Paris	
63	what are the divisions of Paris called	<i>les arrondissements</i>	
64	what is the largest port of France	Marseille	
65	where is <i>la promenade des Anglais</i>	Nice	
66	what would you find at Lascaux	prehistoric cave paintings	
67	what mountain range separates France and Spain	<i>Les Pyrénées</i>	
68	what French island is located in the Mediterranean	Corsica, <i>la Corse</i>	
69	where does a smaller Statue of Liberty stand in France	in Paris, on an islet in the middle of the Seine River, facing west toward the original statue	
70	which river divides Paris into the right bank and left bank	the Seine river	
71	Near what country is Lille	Belgium	
72	Near what country is Bayonne	Spain	
73	which city in southwestern France is called <i>la ville rose</i>	Toulouse	
74	what is further east - Marseille or Toulouse	Marseille	
75	which French territory is in South America	French Guyana, <i>la Guyane française</i>	
76	which French territory is off the coast of Canada	<i>Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon</i>	
77	what country is <i>la Martinique</i> part of	France	
78	What is further north - Lille or Bordeaux	Lille	
79	where is <i>la Polynésie française</i>	in the south Pacific	
80	where is <i>la Guadeloupe</i> located	in the Caribbean	
81	what is the principal use of <i>Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon</i> today	a French naval station	
82	what is <i>la France d'outre-mer</i>	overseas France	
83	what is <i>la France métropolitaine</i>	Continental France	
84	from what origin are most <i>Martiniquais</i> and <i>Guadeloupéens</i>	African	

## LIFE

1	what day of the week are elections always held in France	Sundays	
2	what amusement park in Paris is the equivalent to Disneyland	Euro Disney	
3	what is considered rude to do in a restaurant in France at the end of a meal	ask for a doggy bag	
4	what day of the week do French children attend school while American children do not	Saturdays	
5	when do the Christmas holiday celebrations begin in France	December 6 <sup>th</sup> ( <i>Saint Nicolas</i> )	
6	what colors are on the flag of France	blue, white and red	
7	how old must you be to vote in France	18 yrs old	
8	how do French people greet each other	with a handshake or kiss on the cheek	
9	at what age do French children attend preschool	ages 2-6	
10	what do children learn in preschool	they learn to read	
11	what kind of school is called <i>le collège</i> in France	a secondary school (junior high or middle school)	
12	How are students chosen to attend a university	they have to pass the baccalaureate exam ( <i>le bac</i> ) to get in	
13	what are <i>les parcs zoologiques</i>	animal parks (zoos)	
14	how many tourists visit the city of Paris each year	more than 2 million	
15	what is the underground subway system called in Paris	<i>le métro</i>	
16	What is <i>le Figaro</i>	a newspaper	
17	what is a popular outdoor activity among the French	hiking	
18	what type of game is <i>boules</i>	a kind of outdoor bowling game played with two large metal balls and one smaller one	
19	what are the two most popular theme parks in France	Parc Astérix and Euro Disney	
20	what time period is the comic strip <i>Astérix</i> based on	the time of Gaul's invasion by the Romans	
21	what day in France is comparable to American Independence Day, July 4th	Bastille Day, July 14th	

22	when do the festivals for the harvesting of wine grapes take place	September	
23	the French helped create the world's fastest passenger airplane called	The/ (le) Concorde	
24	which holiday celebrated in the US began in France 450 yrs ago	April Fool's Day	
25	what type of shoes was invented in France 400 yrs ago	high-heeled shoes	
26	what types of business attire did the French create	suits and neckties	
27	the French invented the coffee pot how many years ago	200 years ago	
28	which transportation system in France is among the most modern and efficient in the world	high speed train (TGV)	
29	what is the name of the French space program	ARIANE	
30	ARIANE launchers are used mainly to send what into space	telecommunication satellites	
31	what religion do most people in France belong to	Roman Catholic	
32	what type of transportation was invented in France by a French doctor 200 yrs ago	an ambulance	
33	what type of political system rules France	democracy	
34	what is <i>la mairie</i>	the town hall	
35	French children must attend school until what age	sixteen	
36	how does France's economy compare to the rest of the world	it is the 5th largest economy	
37	how many French speakers are there worldwide	over 90 million	
38	which type of American music has had the most influence on the French	jazz	
39	where in France is the Celtic influence still strong	Normandy and Brittany	
40	what fabric dye originated in France, but is very much part of American culture	denim (de Nîmes)	
40	what is the official name for the country of France	French Republic	
41	in France, what type of wedding is required by law, civil or religious	civil	
42	what is <i>le Concorde</i>	a supersonic commercial airplane	
43	what does <i>service compris</i> mean	tip is included	
44	what is <i>un centre commercial</i>	shopping center	
45	what is the Sorbonne	a Paris university	
46	what is the largest airline in France	Air France	
47	if you call <i>en PCV</i> , who pays	the party you are calling	
48	in France, where would you find a <i>concierge</i>	in an apartment building	
49	do the French have more or less leisure time than Americans	more	
50	what is the French for high school	<i>le lycée</i>	
51	what is the name of the comprehensive exam students take at the end of high school	<i>le baccalauréat</i>	
52	when do the French celebrate <i>la Toussaint</i>	November 1st	
53	in France, do windows usually swing inwards or outwards	inwards	
54	what is <i>une pisseoire</i>	a public lavatory for men	
55	what is a <i>lycée-mixte</i>	a co-ed high school	
56	what is <i>tutoiement</i>	using the familiar <i>tu</i> when talking to somebody	
57	what is <i>vouvoiement</i>	using the formal <i>vous</i> when talking to somebody	



58	what is <i>une résidence secondaire</i>	a summer home or cottage	
59	what is <i>un bateau-mouche</i>	a tourist boat on the Seine in Paris	
60	what is <i>une maison de retraite</i>	a nursing home	
61	what comes first: <i>l'école primaire</i> or <i>l'école maternelle</i>	<i>l'école maternelle</i>	
62	what comes first - <i>l'école primaire</i> or <i>le lycée</i>	<i>l'école primaire</i>	
63	what is a Michelin book	a tourist guide book	
64	what does <i>défense de</i> on a sign mean	don't do it	
65	where would you most likely find <i>par avion</i> written	on an envelope	
66	what is Maxim's	a restaurant in Paris	
67	what is <i>la zone bleue</i>	a parking zone	
68	where would you find <i>un chauffe-eau</i>	in a bathroom or kitchen	
69	on average, how many children do married couples have in France	2	
70	when is the French labor day	May 1st	
71	where would you find <i>un bidet</i>	in a bathroom	
72	what is the SNCF	a railroad company	
73	at what age do children go to <i>le lycée</i>	15-16	
74	in which hand do the French usually hold the fork while eating	left one	
75	what would you do at <i>les Galeries Lafayette</i>	shop	
76	is <i>un litre</i> more or less than a gallon	less	
77	is <i>un mètre</i> more or less than a yard	more	
78	is <i>un centimètre</i> more or less than an inch	less	
79	how many <i>centimètres</i> in <i>un mètre</i>	100	
80	how many <i>mètres</i> in <i>un kilomètre</i>	1000	
81	what is <i>un kilo</i> the abbreviation of	<i>un kilogramme</i>	
82	how many <i>grammes</i> in <i>un kilo</i>	1000	
83	what is longer, <i>un kilomètre</i> or a mile	a mile	
84	what is heavier, <i>un kilo</i> or 2 pounds	<i>un kilo</i>	
85	what is <i>un wagon-lit</i>	sleeping car	
86	what is <i>un wagon-restaurant</i>	a dining car	
87	what is <i>un flipper</i>	a pinball machine	
88	what is <i>une Citroën</i>	a French car from the Citroën automaker	
89	on what side of the road do you drive in France	on the right	
90	what is <i>le slow</i>	slow dancing	
91	what do the French cows say	<i>meuh</i>	
92	what do French roosters say at the crack of dawn	<i>cocorico</i>	
93	what do French ducks say	<i>coin coin</i>	

	<b>CURRENT EVENTS</b>		
1	what island in the Indian Ocean became the newest overseas territory ( <i>département d'outre-mer</i> , or DOM) of France in 2012	Mayotte	
2	what French president was elected in 2007, and is up for re-election in May 2012	Nicolas Sarkozy	
3	what new <i>département d'outre-mer's</i> two main islands are called <i>Grande-Terre</i> and <i>Petite Terre</i>	Mayotte	
4	what is the name of the baby that French President Nicolas Sarkozy and (Italian model and actress) wife Carla Bruni had in October 2011	Giulia	
5	what happened for the first time in the history of the French Republic on October 19, 2011	A French first lady gave birth during her husband's presidency	
6	what is an international organization of over 50 member states or countries where there is a notable affiliation with French language or culture	Francophonie	
7	what founder member of the European Union (EU) has the third largest military in NATO, and the largest army in the EU	France	
8	what year did France switch from the French 'franc' to the European currency unit, the 'euro'	2002	
9	what practice dating back to the 18 <sup>th</sup> century, known as <i>la tauromachie</i> , or <i>corrida</i> , was granted official protection by the French Minister for Culture in 2011	bullfighting	
10	what palace in Paris serves as a meeting place for the 348-member French <i>Sénat</i>	Le Palais du Luxembourg	
11	what French cartoon detective is the subject of a new Steven Spielberg movie?	Tintin	
12	what country does the World Health Organization frequently name as the world's best overall health care provider	France	
13	who is the current Prime Minister of France, serving along with President Nicolas Sarkozy	François Fillon	
14	what is the average life expectancy in France	81	
15	who designed the glass pyramid built in 1989 in the courtyard of the Louvre museum in Paris	Chinese-American architect, I.M. Pei	
16	what is the real name of the cartoonist Hergé, who created Tintin	Georges Rémi	
17	what cartoonist name sounds like the artist, Georges Rémi's initials pronounced backwards	Hergé	
18	to what age was France's legal retirement age lowered in 1982 by Socialist President Mitterrand	60	
19	what was the object of a controversial retirement bill passed through the <i>Assemblée Nationale</i> recently	to raise the retirement age	
20	what famous French-Swiss filmmaker, who headed the <i>Nouvelle Vague</i> movement, was awarded an Oscar by the American Academy Of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in 2011	Jean-Luc Godard	